

Paul S. Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2008. (Reappointment)

Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008.

Jennifer Young, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

William J. Hudson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2008.

William A. Chatfield, of Texas, to be Director of Selective Service.

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Navy. (Reappointment)

Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—324) **Page S11002, S11017, S11018**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 4, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11045.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, Department of the Treasury, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

MILITARY OPERATIONS WORLDWIDE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding ongoing military operations and areas of concern around the world from Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director for Operations, J–3; Major General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director for Intelligence, J–2; and Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, including the Congressional Budget Office's update of its baseline budget projections for fiscal years 2003 through 2013, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA ACCIDENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Columbia Accident Investigation Board's findings and recommendations from its investigation of the Columbia shuttle tragedy, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

AIR FORCE-BOEING TANKERS LEASE PROPOSAL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the proposed leasing of 100 Boeing 767 Tankers by the United States Air Force for aerial refueling, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Neal P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lt. Gen. John B. Sams, Jr., USAF (Ret.), The Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia; J. Richard Nelson, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and Steven Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, and Eric Miller, Project on Government Oversight, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marcia A. Crone, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; Phillip S. Figa, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senators Campbell and Allard; Carlos T. Bea, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William Q. Hayes and John A. Houston, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, who were all introduced by Senator Boxer; Robert Clive Jones, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Ensign and Reid; and Ronald A. White, to be United States District Judge for the

Eastern District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senator Nickles, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TERRORISM: FIRST RESPONDERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine certain measures to improve America's preparedness to address terrorist activity, focusing on the requirements of state and local emergency responders, after receiving testimony from Representatives Cox and Jim Turner; former Senator Rudman, and Richard A. Clarke, both of the Independent Task Force on Emergency Responders; and Paul L. Posner, Managing Director, Federal Budget Issues and Intergovernmental Relations, Strategic Issues, General Accounting Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 2990–2998; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 67; H. Con. Res. 270, and H. Res. 350, 352–354, were introduced. **Pages H7838–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7839–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on July 30, H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–243);

Filed on August 4, H.R. 1085, to make certain workforce authorities available to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, amended (H. Rept. 108–244, Pt. 1);

Filed on August 4, H.R. 2692, to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal years 2004 through 2006, amended (H. Rept. 108–245);

Filed on August 14, H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–246, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1837, to improve the Federal acquisition workforce and the process for the acquisition of services by the Federal Government, amended (H. Rept. 108–117, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1985, to amend the National Housing Act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limit for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas, amended (H. Rept. 108–247);

H.R. 1533, to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts (H. Rept. 108–248);

H. Res. 234, condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans (H. Rept. 108–249);

H.R. 292, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed (H. Rept. 108–250);

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway (Private Bill, H. Rept. 108–251);

S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System (H. Rept. 108–252);

S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area (H. Rept. 108–253);

H.R. 1409, to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (H. Rept. 108–254);

H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia (H. Rept. 108–255);

H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, amended (H. Rept. 108–256);

H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark (H. Rept. 108–257); and